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Dear Ladies and Gentleman

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## **Ventracor Provides CE Mark Trial update**

<u>Sydney 18 April 2005:</u> Ventracor Limited (ASX:VCR) today provided an update on the progress of its clinical trial activities aimed at US and European approval of the VentrAssist™ implantable heart assist system.

Ventracor Chief Executive Officer, Colin Sutton PhD said 17 patients have been implanted with the VentrAssist™ – eight as part of the current CE Mark Trial aimed at gathering data to support an application to market and sell the system in Europe.

"Papworth Hospital in the United Kingdom has begun active patient recruitment for implantation. Rikshospitalet in Oslo Norway is also looking for patients with a view to recruiting in the next few weeks.

"We think these two large European centres will almost double the number of potential candidates for the CE Mark Trial and help accelerate trial recruitment.

"With our growing experience in Europe, we now expect to complete enrolment in the CE Mark Trial by the end of the current calendar year," Dr Sutton said.

He added the US trial of the VentrAssist™ was on schedule and the company had received very strong interest from several US clinical study sites.

"We have selected five of the most experienced centres to participate in our feasibility study this year. Clinical trials materials have been delivered to these centres and implant training for the first centre will occur in early May with other centres following soon after," he said.

He added Chief Medical Investigator Professor Don Esmore recently presented a summary of results from the earlier Pilot Trial at the 25th anniversary meeting of the International Society of Heart & Lung Transplantation (ISHLT) in Philadelphia, USA.

"ISHLT was an excellent opportunity to present the VentrAssist system to the audience of 2000 physicians, cardiologists and surgeons from around the world," Dr Sutton said.

Professor Esmore said the VentrAssist™ had demonstrated "excellent single centre survival outcomes in comparing VentrAssist™ to commercial first generation devices".

## **About Ventracor**

Ventracor (ASX:VCR) is an international medical technology company that has developed a life-saving heart pump, the VentrAssist™ left ventricular assist system (LVAS) for patients in cardiac failure. The company is expects to bring the VentrAssist™ to global markets in record time. Ventracor is confident of obtaining a significant share of the massive LVAS market, which independent analysts expect to be valued at between \$US7.5 billion and \$US12 billion per year.

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